



Bringing the County Closer to You!

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UCAB Invites Councilmembers to Discuss Budget

Monday, December 17 7:00pm-9:00pm

**Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown**

County Council members have been invited to the next meeting of the Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board on Monday, December 17 at 7:00pm to hear their thoughts on the upcoming budget. Director Jennifer Hughes from the County's Office of Management and Budget has also been invited.

The Upcounty (or northern part of the county) is served by three district Councilmembers: Phil Andrews-District 3; Roger Berliner-District 1; and Craig Rice-District 2. The Upcounty is also represented by four at-large members: Marc Elrich, Nancy Floreen, George Leventhal, and Hans Riemer.

To see map of districts, click [here](#).

If you are not able to attend but would like to submit a question or comment to the guests or the board, please forward it to upcounty.citizen@montgomerycountymd.gov.

County Sponsors Blood Drives

Friday, December 21 9am – 3pm

Tuesday, January 22 8am – 2pm
(the drives are open to the public!)

In addition to the low donation volume caused by Hurricane Sandy, the holiday season is, historically, a difficult time for the Red Cross to meet their goals in blood donations. We have 13 spots still available on December 21st and 40 spots available for January 22nd.

To sign up for the December 21st blood drive, please [click here](#).

To sign up for the January 22nd blood drive, please [click here](#).

If you gave blood on November 19th, you would be able to donate again at the January blood drive. You are eligible to donate blood every 56 days.

These Blood Drives are open to the public, so if you have friends, family or colleagues outside of the County Government who are willing to give a blood donation, please ask them to sign up or come in on December 21st or January 22nd. Please pass the information along to anyone who may be interested.

To schedule a time to give blood, either use the links above or you may contact Sara Behanna-Moseley at 240-777-5013 or sara.behanna-moseley@montgomerycountymd.gov. While scheduling ahead is preferable, walk-ins will be taken on the days of the blood drives.

OpenMontgomery!

Leggett Announces New Open Government Efforts - New Website and Council Legislation Ensure Even Better Transparency, Accessibility and Efficiency

Four distinct portals will now allow community access to county government data, digital services and a platform where you can participate in online town hall meetings. You can also share and vote on ideas for improving the community! For details, visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/open.

Upcounty Winners in 26th Annual Keep Montgomery Beautiful Awards

Residents, businesses and community groups from the Upcounty were recently honored as winners in this year's ceremony held by Montgomery County's Department of Transportation. "The beautification competition is open to community groups, businesses, public institutions and other organizations undertaking landscaping projects that enhance the appearance of commonly owned commercial or residential properties or County roadsides, medians, or other public locations." For the full list of winners, click [here](#). **Congratulations to all!**

COMMUNITY PROFESSIONAL for community landscaping projects designed and maintained by professional landscape architects or contractors:

Award of Excellence: Clarksburg Village Roundabout, Hughes Landscaping, Clarksburg, Environmental/New

Award of Excellence: The Vistas Homeowners Association Stormwater Management Area, The Brickman Group, Boyds

COMMERCIAL/RETAIL for outdoor projects at facilities such as shopping malls, restaurants, retail businesses, gas stations, etc.:

Award of Distinction: Gaithersburg Washingtonian Marriott, The Brickman Group, Gaithersburg

Award of Distinction: Maryland Soccerplex, Fine Earth Landscape, Inc. Boyds

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONAL for outdoor projects at schools, government buildings, hospitals, churches or libraries:

Award of Excellence: Master Gardeners Farmers Triangle Demonstration Garden, Montgomery County Fairgrounds, Gaithersburg

Award of Excellence: Master Gardeners Heritage Garden, Montgomery County Fairgrounds, Gaithersburg

SUSTAINED MAINTENANCE for previous triple award winners of the Award of Excellence:

First Year/ Commercial/Retail: Hughes Network, The Brickman Group, Germantown

Second Year/ Commercial/Retail: Washingtonian Center, The Brickman Group, Gaithersburg

Photography contest winners: For the 20th Annual Amateur Photography Contest, photos were judged on effective composition, originality, technique, interest and relevance of the subject matter. The winners are listed below:

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, BY DAY – Any photo taken outdoors in Montgomery County that depicts something fun, beautiful or exciting during daytime hours.

First: “Fields of Gold” Lori Ducharme, Gaithersburg

Second: “Black Hill Fishing Dock” Cynthia Hunter, Montgomery Village, Gaithersburg

Third: “Sunflower-After Life” Patricia Benjamin, Gaithersburg

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, BY NIGHT – Any photo taken outdoors in Montgomery County that depicts something fun, beautiful or exciting during nighttime.

First: “Out For a Spin” Larry Dean, Damascus

Second: “Big 17” Howard Clark, Montgomery Village, Gaithersburg

MONTGOMERY COUNTY LANDMARKS – Any photo taken outdoors in Montgomery County of a natural or manmade commonly recognized landmark or scene.

Third: “Seneca Schoolhouse” Linda Joy, Gaithersburg

MONTGOMERY COUNTY HER PEOPLE – Any photo taken of one or more people involved in County activities, close-up or distant, showing leisure activity, productivity or community service.

First: “Father/Son Early Spring Hike” Gloria Machlis Heyman, Montgomery Village

MONTGOMERY COUNTY YOUTH – For those who are younger than 19 years of age and wish to compete against others their age.

First: “Helpless & Hungry But Still Together” Tatiana Harris, Gaithersburg

ADOPT-A-ROAD CLEAN SWEEP AWARDS – for fiscal year 2012 (July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012) that recognizes volunteer efforts to remove litter from County roadways.

Award of Excellence for Most Trash Collected: Izaak Walton League of America Wildlife Achievement Chapter, represented by Meo Curtis. This group has adopted Mullinix Mill Road, between Route 108 and the Howard County Line. In FY12 they collected 132 bags of trash – about 350 gallons of trash -- plus many recyclable items, hub caps and tires, household remodeling materials, sofas, propane gas containers, partially filled cans of paint and a wedding dress. They have been with the program for over 15 years.

THE GREYDON TOLSON FORESTRY STEWARDSHIP AWARDS. The Greydon Tolson award honors his lifetime of service to forestry in Montgomery County and to the Montgomery County Forestry Board. The award recognizes individuals or organizations that have demonstrated a significant commitment to advancing the science, education, technology, or practice of Forestry. This year’s winners are Carole Bergmann, resident of Clarksburg and employed by Montgomery Parks, Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission, and Linda Pepe, resident of Barnesville.

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